

ART, TASTE AND GOOD FIGURES MAKE AMERICAN WOMEN THE BEST DRESSED IN THE WORLD

Mrs. Linda Ross Wade, Editor, Upholds Mrs. Fish's Views.

PARIS NO LONGER LEADS

American-Made Costumes Declared to Surpass Those Created by the French.

"I think American clothes are a good deal better than French women's. Americans beat the French in dressing and in being gowns. The American woman has an originality and a faculty of adaptation lacking in the French woman milliner and gownmaker. The American woman is not a slave to pattern, mould, mode, so-called style. She can modify, add to or subtract from, change gracefully and artistically.

"When it comes to style, finish, material—or, if you please, durability—the Americans can beat the French at their own art and science."—Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish.

American women are the best dressed in the world, Mrs. Fish's comment in regard to Parisian and American styles shows the emancipation of American women from that long accepted stamp of what's what, the Parisian trade mark.

Mrs. Linda Ross Wade, editor of Style, well known lecturer on dress and fashion expert, gives the palm of good dressing to "La Belle Americaine" clad in home-raiment.

"It is not a matter of national pride at all," she said, "that prompts me to call American women the best dressed in the world, for they might be that and still wear importations. The best dressed of all the American women are those who have their costumes made in this country. We have so long regarded the Parisian trade mark as a guarantee for correct dressing that it is only by sheer force of the American woman's superior taste and the superiority of the American dressmaker's art that at last we have become enough to say that Paris can take pointers from New York.

Took Back Trunkfuls.

"The fact that Mrs. Beisne and Mrs. Sarah Bernhardt carried back trunkfuls of costumes ought to prove something, and in New York's Four Hundred there are a number of the best-dressed women who are not satisfied with anything but New York creations.

"The reason for this is simple enough when you realize that the American style is distinctive, that it is original and that it has individuality. As Mrs. Fish has said, the American woman has a faculty of adaptation lacking in the French woman milliner and gownmaker.

"The American dressmaker knows more about lines than the French gownmaker. The American woman, with her well-built figure, is responsible largely for this. Naturally she does not wish the lines destroyed, and the indescribable fussiness of the French style becomes to her unnecessary. Change has come over the style question. Formerly it was supposed that the French dressmakers could invent any freakish style and sell it to the rich Americans. Of course, even now there are those of the nouveaux riches who accept anything that the Paris dressmaker stamps.

How They Excel.

"What is the distinctive mark of superiority of the American gownmaker over the Parisian?" Mrs. Wade was asked.

"The ability to adapt, the power of a woman's personality," she replied. "The woman's personality," she replied. "The American woman is able to distinguish between dress and fashion. The American dressmaker is able to take fashion and mould it to style, individuality and art.

"People talk about the fact that Parisian dressmakers do not show to Americans the real Parisian creations they sell to their own French customers. This may be taken in two ways. For the nouveau riche, as I have already stated, there are freak styles; for the American woman who knows the French dressmaker's craft, the French styles built on American lines.

"In the last few years American lines have made themselves felt in French models. The French dressmaker sends over an 'exclusive' style, a model which our well-dressed women simply spurn. The next year you will see that style back again, but thoroughly Americanized. For originality, dash and artistic lines the American cannot be surpassed.

Fine French Needlework.

"To the French we will have to yield the palm of exquisite needlework and embroidery, because we cannot get it done extensively in this country. The French are effective in the combination of color, too, because they are daring; but in perfect luck and what we call classiness the Americans lead the market.

"As for the clothes themselves, there is no garment made in Paris that can equal in practicability and durability the garments made here. The greatest trouble with Americans is sometimes committing the practical will.

In addition to Mrs. Wade's assertion that American dressmakers and American clothes take the palm, and that American styles are considered of great importance in Paris, is the fact that American fashion papers are read into French and bought extensively in Paris.

"The American woman has style—that means everything," said Mrs. Wade. "The American woman is not a slave to fashion, and she is not a slave to freak fashions; and our dressmakers reflect the independence and originality of their customers in their costumes."

DIED GOING TO DRAW MONEY LONG DUE HIM.

FITTSBURG, Dec. 12.—James Wins, 65 years old, of Gregg Station, near here, dropped dead yesterday from heart disease, when about to board a train for this city for the purpose of drawing his first pension money.

Wins was a Civil War veteran and for several years had been negotiating with the pension office relative to securing a pension. Yesterday he had been notified that the Government had approved his application and that a pension had been awarded him.



Mrs. LINDA ROSS WADE.



MAY HAVE ROW OVER INSURANCE PLANS

Supt. Kelsey Here to Arrange Details with Mutual and N. Y. Life Men.

Supt. Kelsey, of the State Insurance Department, will come to this city today to meet representatives of the various insurance companies and arrange plans for managing the elections in the Mutual and New York Life Companies. It is not expected that the meeting will be as quiet or as peaceful as a church gathering. The Mutual Life will be represented at the meeting by its general solicitor, James McKee, and possibly by President Charles A. Peabody, the New York Life, by its counsel, James H. McIntosh, and probably by Vice-President Kingsley and Buckler; the International Polytechnic, by its chief counsel, Samuel Untermyer, and its manager, George R. Scruggs, and the fusion of agents' tickets in the Mutual Life, by Albert E. Hard.

Court Upholds Tobacco Pool. OWENSBORO, Ky., Dec. 12.—Judge Birdwell holds that a tobacco-grower who pools his crop with the American Society of Equity has no right to sell his tobacco except with the consent of the society. He granted the injunction asked to restrain the sale in question.

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Harvard Professor Meets Kaiser. BERLIN, Dec. 12.—Emperor William yesterday received Prof. Otto Meumann, professor of psychology at Harvard University.

The blaze started in a shed belonging to the store of the Boston Meat Supply Company, from some unknown cause. A high wind was blowing at the time and the flames spread rapidly. Employees of the New Bedford and Onset Street railway company ran out their hose, but it fell short five hundred feet and the additional line was borrowed from one of the hardware firms of this city. With this coupled with the railway's lowered hose, pipes, and water a distance of half a mile to the scene of the fire with but little effect.

Telephone Operator William Stinson remained at his post summoning help from nearby buildings until driven from the switchboard by the smoke and flames.

Special cars and automobiles brought many of the New Bedford Fire Department to the scene, but their engine and hose and the engine from Onset arrived too late to be of service.

PEEPER KILLED AT RACE. Brennan Fell on Picket Fence and Body Was Squared.

Thomas Brennan, eighteen years old, of No. 220 Maudslayi street, New York, while trying to peep into the Garden early today climbed an iron picket fence on the Twenty-sixth street side.

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DAUGHTER'S SHOT REFORMS PREACHER

Rev. McAtee Acquits Girl and Promises to Give Up Drink Habit.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12.—Even though there was no attempt to dispute the fact that Miss May McAtee had deliberately shot her aged father, the Rev. John Q. McAtee, it was apparent that sympathy in Magistrate Eben Brown's Court was entirely with the girl and is to-day among her acquaintances. The spectators did not seem to blame the young woman, and the Magistrate admitted her to bail in \$1,000.

Robert Pierce, the young man to whom Miss McAtee was to have been married in a few days, and who gave her the revolver with which she shot her father, was in court.

The more McAtee thought over the shooting the more he was convinced that it was entirely his own fault, and he confessed it freely to a man who called on him at the hospital to-day. "I have no intention of appearing against my daughter," he said. "I love my wife and child and I have sinned against them as well as myself. I am deeply, deeply sorry for actions of mine yesterday which caused May to shoot me. There have been times when I would be sorry for some things that I would be sorry for as soon as the effects of the liquor wore away."

That shooting affair has brought me to my senses at last. It has shown me that I cannot continue to be one man in my own home and another man in the public estimation. I must be one thing or the other, a drunkard or a gentleman, and henceforth, God helping me, I shall be a gentleman.

Mrs. McAtee did not brighten visibly when she was told of her husband's promises to reform. "I have heard them before," she said with a sigh, "but I will still hope that he is in earnest this time."

OUTCAST BOY TESTED, PROVED HIS HONESTY.

Returned Money Left in His Way by Employer and Then Threw Up His Job.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 12.—Clarence Collier, an orphan, destitute and without home or friends, presented himself at the Central Police Station last night and begged that he be given a place to sleep. The boy said that for four months since the death of his mother he had been homeless, and that while trying to obtain employment suspicious directed toward him prevented him from earning an honest living.

The boy related a story of how storekeepers refused him positions. On one occasion he says he obtained employment in a store and his employer, to test his honesty, placed a roll of bills with his reach. When asked what he did he replied:

"I picked up the money, handed it to the manager, and quit my position. A home for the boy has been secured by the police."

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